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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants	: Janet M. Hock, et al.)	
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Serial No.	: 09/647,278)	
)	Group Art Unit:
Filed	: September 26, 2000)	1646
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For	: Method of Increasing Bone)	
	Toughness and Stiffness and)	
	Reducing Fractures)	Examiner:
)	R. Li
Docket No.	: X-11965)	

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants submit herewith a request under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 for continued examination of the above-identified application. Applicants file this request and amendment in response to the Final Rejection dated April 30, 2003, Paper No. 14, and subsequent Advisory Action dated July 23, 2003.

Applicants also submit an Information Disclosure Statement, Form 1449, that cites three additional documents. Applicants have redacted non-material, proprietary information where appropriate in accordance with the provisions of MPEP §724.

Please amend the application as follows: